

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

REFERENCE NUMBER 18

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1972-73

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1972-73 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes, statistics for 1968-69 to 1971-72 are also included. Figures for 1972-73 are subject to revision.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1972-73, and to claims reported as unclosed after the period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1972-73.

It should be noted that changes in the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act occur from time to time. Excluded from the provisions of the Act are Australian Government employees and self-employed persons.

Industrial accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition is applied: an industrial accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event.

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, and disease cases.

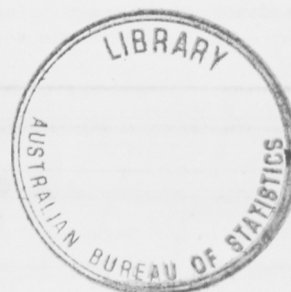
For further definitions refer to the more detailed annual publication Industrial accidents and workers compensation (reference number 19) to be released later this year.

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,  
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES

Particulars	Number			Cost of claim			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
				\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS									
Fatal - 1968-69	50	1	51	454,904	588	455,492	..	..	..
1969-70	49	..	49	482,438	..	482,438	..	..	..
1970-71	33	..	33	352,858	..	352,858	..	..	..
1971-72	50	..	50	549,574	..	549,574	..	..	..
1972-73	39	2	41	393,854	10,733	404,587	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	26,629	4,403	31,032	8,754,594	1,242,757	9,997,351	107,001	20,125	127,126
1969-70	27,210	4,609	31,819	8,702,945	1,327,301	10,030,246	104,976	21,422	126,398
1970-71	26,491	4,477	30,968	9,334,301	1,423,186	10,757,487	107,349	20,242	127,591
1971-72	27,775	4,368	32,143	10,500,552	1,417,143	11,917,695	112,937	21,489	134,426
1972-73	29,321	4,610	33,931	10,839,952	1,598,033	12,437,985	107,630	20,665	128,295
JOURNEY AND RECESS - DISEASE AND ACCIDENT CASES									
Fatal - 1968-69	54	2	56	366,516	8,586	375,102	..	..	..
1969-70	60	3	63	416,385	9,567	425,952	..	..	..
1970-71	59	1	60	411,848	280	412,128	..	..	..
1971-72	62	3	65	518,818	4,463	523,281	..	..	..
1972-73	45	2	47	359,396	734	360,130	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	1,513	921	2,434	557,375	198,422	755,797	8,752	4,688	13,440
1969-70	1,575	950	2,525	491,676	224,955	716,631	9,014	4,852	13,866
1970-71	1,496	968	2,464	506,527	209,961	716,488	8,387	4,921	13,308
1971-72	1,554	958	2,512	523,372	258,111	781,483	8,776	5,450	14,226
1972-73	1,470	901	2,371	497,879	269,711	767,590	6,810	5,249	12,059
OTHER DISEASES									
Fatal - 1968-69	256	4	260	1,824,003	22,128	1,846,131	..	..	..
1969-70	245	4	249	1,752,910	15,838	1,768,748	..	..	..
1970-71	255	6	261	1,846,382	19,394	1,865,776	..	..	..
1971-72	321	6	327	2,378,436	13,235	2,391,671	..	..	..
1972-73	219	1	220	1,923,711	2,530	1,926,241	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	1,123	650	1,773	995,724	160,712	1,156,436	14,652	3,029	17,681
1969-70	1,084	683	1,767	743,713	133,716	877,429	9,932	2,912	12,844
1970-71	1,017	593	1,610	747,031	138,443	885,474	9,654	3,117	12,771
1971-72	1,111	502	1,613	939,816	97,365	1,037,181	10,306	1,858	12,164
1972-73	979	530	1,509	833,672	135,700	969,372	8,405	2,022	10,427
GRAND TOTAL									
Fatal - 1968-69	360	7	367	2,645,423	31,302	2,676,725	..	..	..
1969-70	354	7	361	2,651,733	25,405	2,677,138	..	..	..
1970-71	347	7	354	2,611,088	19,674	2,630,762	..	..	..
1971-72	433	9	442	3,446,828	17,698	3,464,526	..	..	..
1972-73	303	5	308	2,676,961	13,997	2,690,958	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1968-69	29,265	5,974	35,239	10,307,693	1,601,891	11,909,584	130,405	27,842	158,247
1969-70	29,869	6,242	36,111	9,938,334	1,685,972	11,624,306	123,922	29,186	153,108
1970-71	29,004	6,038	35,042	10,587,859	1,771,590	12,359,449	125,390	28,280	153,670
1971-72	30,440	5,828	36,268	11,963,740	1,772,619	13,736,359	132,019	28,797	160,816
1972-73	31,770	6,041	37,811	12,171,503	2,003,444	14,174,947	122,845	27,936	150,781

NOTE. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.